Disappearance of Persons Arrested by Delhi Police from Western U.P.

880. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four persons arrested from certain villages in the Western U.P. by the Delhi Police sometime in April, 1987 are missing and there is no clue of the missing persons;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry into the circumstances leading to the disappearance of the persons arrested by the Delhi Police and what steps have been taken by Government to trace those persons and also the action being taken against those found responsible for their disappearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) An enquiry is being conducted by a senior officer of Delhi Police. Further action will be taken after the enquiry report is available.

Political Solution of Punjab Problem

881. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what positive steps have been taken or are being taken to reach a political solution on the Punjab problem;

(b) whether Government propose to evolve a new formula to solve the problem; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Government has made sincere efforts to solve the Punjab problem and efforts in this direction are continuing.

Export of Engineering Goods

882. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what targets have been fixed for the export of engineering goods during the next five years;

(b) what measures have been taken to achieve the targets; and

(c) what is the performance record of the industry on this front?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The targets fixed by Engineering Export Promotion Council for exports for the next five years are as under:

(In crore Rs.)

	Target
1988-89 . . .	1340
1989-90 . . .	1670
1990-91 . . .	2080
1991-92 . . .	2500
1992-93 . . .	3000

(b) A number of measures have been taken to achieve the targets. These measures inter-alia include;

Liberalisation of facilities for import of technology and modernisation, a new regime of cash compensatory support to compensate for the cascading effect of domestic taxation access to raw materials and consumables at international competitive prices, reduction in the interest rates of pre and post shipment credit, interest rebate on new term loans to units which export more than 25% of their production, introduction of new blanket exchange permit scheme to facilitate export promotion activities, grant of replenishment licences, duty drawback etc.

(c) The exports in the engineering sector have been picking up during the last two years as can be seen from the export figures below:

1985-86 . Rs. 1095.41 crores (Prov.)

1986-87 . Rs. 1150.00 crores (Prov.)

1987-88 . Rs. 1320.00 crores (Prov.)

Prosecutions Launched against Sick Units in the Private Sector for Non-payment of Loan Amount

883. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many sick units in the private sector which have taken loan assistance from the nationalised banks were prosecuted for non-payment of the loan amount within the stipulated period during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) whether any Bank Manager has been prosecuted for favouring doubtful borrowers during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In cases of all defaulting borrowers, including industrial units, banks file suits for recovery of their dues as a last resort. While banks maintain data regarding overall number of recovery suits filed and amounts involved therein, no separate classification of such suits filed against sick units is maintined.

(b) Cases involving perpetration of frauds/defalcations, including making of bogus advance, are reported by the banks to RBI/Police. Action, including criminal prosecution by the police, against bank staff also in appropriate cases, is taken.

Recovery of Tax Dues

884. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister of State for Revenue had stated in Calcutta recently that the reason for poverty in the country was due to non-payment of tax amount by some people;

(b) if so, what action the Revenue Department is taking against them if they are known to the Minister; and

(c) what concrete steps Government have taken to recover the dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The press did not correctly report what was stated.

(b) and (c) Drive against the tax evaders is continuing with undiminished vigour.